received. Action for cancellation of allotment/lease deed is under process in respect of flats No. 19B, 19C, 31A & 31B, Pkt-A, Phase-III, Ashok Vihar.

Functioning of urban basic services

1562. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for the failure of various schemes to ameliorate the lot of urban poor ;

(b) whether any appraisal have been conducted on the functioning of urban basic services for the poor and Nehru Rozgar Yojana schemes for the urban poor ;

(c) what were the deficiencies in these schemes ; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the failure of these schemes is due to lack of proper monitoring and evaluation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The two major schemes of this Ministry aimed at urban poverty alleviation namely, Nehru Rozgar Yojana and Urban Basic Services for the Poor were launched in 1989 and 1990 respectively and have met with a considerable measure of success. The former is aimed at employment generation amongst the urban poor and the latter is aimed at provisions of basic services in low income neighbourhoods with the active involvement of slum dwellers.

(b) Both the schemes are reviewed from time to time through detailed meetings with the nodal officers of State Governments/ UTs, workshops on important aspects of implementation and field visits.

(c) and (d) Broad guidelines for implementation of both the major schemes were sent to all the States/UTs soon after their inception. The guidelines involved developing suitable administrative mechanisms at the slum, city and district levels. It took some time for the State Governments to understand the inter-departmental implications of the schemes and to develop suitable administrative mechanisms at the various levels. Under the Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY), there is a Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) which seeks to facilitate skill upgradation and provide assistance for setting up micro enterprises in conjunction with loans from banks. While NRY was launched in 1989, the Reserve Bank of India issued the necessary guidelines to the various scheduled banks for implementing SUME in June, 1990. Operational issues regarding time taken in processing of loan applications and disbursal of loans by banks have been raised by the State/UTs and have been suitably taken-up with the Reserve Bank of India. Under the scheme of Urban Basic Services for the Poor (UBSP), the State Governments were to select towns and slum localities where the conditions of the urban poor in relation to mother and child health and literacy were most severe. Further, the State Governments were to appoint community organisers in the selected towns for forming neighbourhood committees and preparing need-based plans through community participation. Some of the State Governments were a little slow in working out these modalities. As such, initially, the programmes took some time to taken off. However, on the whole, both the schemes have been very well received by the State Governments and there is considerable enthusiasm in implementing them. The schemes are being monitored regularly through periodical reports and meetings.

Zonal Master Plan of Delhi

1563. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1070 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th May, 1990 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the area shown as 'green' within a residential colony in zonal master plan of Delhi is intended to be developed as 'park' generally ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this area marked as "Children's Park" for the

residents of the Shantiniketan Colony and now allotted to the Sadhu Vaswani Mission School is being used as a ground for 'horse-riding training exercises' for the students of this school in the morning and later for grazing by these horses;

(c) what action is proposed to be taken against such a misuse of this land earmarked as "Children's park"; and

(d) whether Government would reconsider its decision in the context of the provisions of the Zonal Master Plan and its subsequent misuse, and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to DDA no complaint, as such, in regard to misuse of the area marked as 'Children's Park' has been received. Horse riding is carried out twice a week in the morning hours by bringing horses from outside.

(c) and (d) DDA is being advised to take appropriate action for stopping misuse and allowing children of the area free access to the park.

Waer crisis in Shantiniketan, South Delhi

1564. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 189 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th August, 1991 and state :

(a) whether apart from the Shantiniketan Residents' Association (Regd.), Shantiniketan, New Delhi, some Members of Parliament have drawn Government's pointed attention to the erratic and acute scarcity of water supply and its low pressure particularly in the houses located in the upper reaches of street nos. 2 and 6 thereof; and

(b) if so, what long term measures are proposed to be taken in consultation with the Delhi Municipal Water Authorities to overcome the shortage of water appearently caused by diverting the hydrant for the fire-fighting operations of the Sadhu Vaswani Mission School in the colony ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No shortage of water is reportedly caused due to provision of fire fighting hydrant. A Proposal for augmentation of water supply by installing a tubewell is being processed.

Allotment of Government quarters in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

1565. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) when the allotment of Government quarters in Vasant Vihar Central Government Housing Complex, New Delhi was started ;

(b) whether the work relating to water supply and its maintenance is being got done by the CPWD through contractors ; till date, inspite of the fact that the work of water supply was of a regular nature : and

(c) if so, what is the number of contracts awarded till date and date of commencement of contract alongwith the names and addresses of contractors companies to which the contracts were awarded ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The allotments started on 12-2-87.

(b) As far as electrical side is concerned the maintenance and operation of water supply scheme is being done departmentally and as far as civil side maintenance and operation of water supply scheme is concerned it is being done through contract as there is no work charged and M. R. Staff available.

(c) The details are given in the Statement.